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# FOR THE LOVE OF COVINGTON

Calling all Covington residents, volunteers and everyone else who loves Covington! We have a fun and exciting event coming up on Thursday, April 5 and we're hoping you'll join us. Author Peter Kageyama ("For the Love of Cities" and "Love Where You Live") is coming to Covington and will lead For the Love of Covington, a fun, free and interactive workshop.

During this workshop we will discuss what we love about Covington and encourage you to share your ideas on how to make Covington an even better city to live, play and work in.

The workshop location will be announced soon. In the meantime check out one of Peter's fun workshops online at https://youtu.be/HIIakyy7EVE (be sure to match the case of the lettering (capital or lowercase) to learn a little bit more about what this evening will entail.



# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Covington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 2018 annual docket of three proposed comprehensive plan amendments and one development code amendment at its meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers at Covington City Hall.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments from the public, both written and oral, regarding whether any or all proposed amendments should be recommended to the city council for adoption as part of the 2018 annual amendment cycle prescribed by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). The Planning Commission recommendation will be presented to the city council in April. All proposed amendments must be considered concurrently on an annual timeline with a decision made by the city council prior to December 31.

Anyone desiring to comment may do so in writing to the City Clerk at 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington 98042 or by appearing at the public hearing. A summary of the proposed amendments is available online at www.covingtonwa.gov under the "Quick Links – 2018 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Docket". The full text of the amendment submissions and attachments is also available for viewing at City Hall.

# MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The city's Minor Home Repair Program, funded by a Community Development Block Grant, is now accepting applications for 2018. This program provides free home repair for eligible projects like repairing or replacing hot water heaters, gutter damage and other problems.



To be eligible, the home must be owner-occupied and located within city limits. There is a one-year residency requirement and homeowners must have no plans to sell their home within a year. Owners must also be income eligible according to HUD income guidelines which is determined by total gross annual income of ALL household members:

Family size of one with income up to \$50,400 Family size of two with income up to \$57,600 Family size of three with income up to \$64,800 Family size of four with income up to \$72,000 Family size of five with income up to \$77,800

For more information about this program, please contact the city's human services office at 253-480-2411.

# UPCOMING PARKS & REC CLASSES AND CAMPS

Registration is now open for spring and summer classes and camps that run April through August with the Covington Parks and Recreation Department.

Returning popular classes for kids and families include Star Parties at Covington Community Park, Soos Creek Trail Walks, karate, dance, the Kidz Love Soccer program, guitar lessons, art programs, Circus Arts, Ninja Kids, Super Sitters, Safe at Home and EBI Basketball Skills. We are also offering adult classes including karate, Bootcamp, Zumba Gold, mom-only Creative Mornings and guitar lessons.

For Spring Break, we are offering soccer camp, the Gross Out Science Academy and the EBI Spring Basketball Clinic. This summer we are offering dance camp, Steve Goucher Baseball Camp, Pee Wee Sports Camps, Kids in the Kitchen cooking camps, Paper Engineering camp, the Eastside Basketball Institute, Kentwood Track Camp, Youth Tech Computer Camps, the Xtreme Speed Track Clinic, Camp Adventure and Skyhawks Soccer, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Mini-Hawk, Basketball, Lacrosse and Flag Football camps.

More information and registration details can be found online at www.covingtonwa.gov/rec or by calling the parks and recreation office at (253) 480-2480.



# NOW ACCEPTING COVINGTON DAYS FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS

The city is actively accepting vendor applications for this summer's Covington Days Festival. This year's fun family festival lands on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 in Covington's downtown area (168th Place SE). We are especially seeking arts and crafts and food vendors.

Arts and crafts vendor spaces are only \$50 for both days and applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis until space is filled. We limit the amount of similar vendors, so get your applications in soon! Food vendor selections are done through a juried process and there are no fees to apply. Food vendor applications will be accepted until March 31.

A limited number of professional services, commercial and non-profit vendor spaces are also available. This is a great opportunity for local businesses and organizations to be a part of a fun community event and interact with local residents and neighbors.



Please learn more about becoming a vendor and download an application at www.covingtonwa.gov/covingtondays. We also have multiple sponsorship opportunities available for all summer events including Covington KidsFest, Sausage and Cider Fest, Summer Concerts in the Park and Outdoor Family Movie Night. Our sponsorship brochure can be found online at www.covingtonwa.gov/sponsorship.

# CITY COMMISSION OPENINGS

Would you like to be a proactive participant in city government? Do you want to be an advocate for your fellow residents? Now is your chance to join a group of concerned, dedicated citizens who volunteer their time and play a significant role in city government as members of our city commissions. Commission members participate in advisory, advocacy and planning activities through active participation on the Arts, Human Services, Parks and Recreation, and Planning Commissions, as well as the Covington Economic Development Council and Covington Youth Council.

Current openings include:

- Planning Commission one adult position to fill a partial term
- Arts Commission one adult or youth position (14-18 years old)
- Human Services Commission two youth positions (14-18 years old)
- Covington Economic Development Council one adult position
- Covington Youth Council at least one position (15-18 years old)

To be included in an upcoming selection process, please complete a City Commission application online at

www.covingtonwa.gov/city\_government/commissions.php or at Covington City Hall, 16720 SE 271st St. Applications should be directed to Senior Deputy City Clerk Joan Michaud in person, by mail or to jmichaud@covingtonwa.gov.





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